



# NEWS FROM **JACK SCOTT**

## **21<sup>ST</sup> SENATE DISTRICT**



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### ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL FOR PASADENA BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER

#### ***Senator Jack Scott's SB 327 moves to Governor's Desk***

Senator Jack Scott's SB 327 to create a Pasadena Biotechnology Center is headed to the Governor's Desk. SB 327 passed the Assembly by a 65-0 vote today. SB 327 moves the Pasadena Bioscience Innovation and Training Center to its next stage of development.

SB 327 implements the \$200,000 that Senator Scott secured in the State Budget for the development of the Pasadena biotechnology project.

"The Pasadena Biotechnology Center received overwhelming support today from the Assembly, and I am hopeful that the Governor will sign this bill that is important to the economic future of this region," said Scott.

"Pasadena is a perfect anchor for the biotechnology corridor. The Center's research facilities, workforce training center, and business incubator components will help companies to start-up and remain in the Los Angeles region," continued Senator Scott.

"The collaborative partnership between the City of Pasadena, California State University, Caltech, Pasadena City College, and Huntington Institute in developing the Center is vital to this project's future," Scott said.

The state-funded feasibility study, released in December, 2000, cited strong local demand for biotechnology training, research, and incubation services, and recommended the creation of the Pasadena Biotechnology Center to accelerate further concentration and growth of biotechnology enterprise in Pasadena and the Los Angeles region.

The proposed center would include a world-class biotechnology workforce training center, core research laboratories and instrumentation, process manufacturing, and a biotechnology business incubator. The center would also emphasize bioinformatics, a rapidly expanding specialization combining biology and computer science.

"This Pasadena project will enable bioscience companies to start-up and remain in this region. It also helps our students to be well-trained and ready to enter these jobs of the future," concluded Scott.

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